Officials Under Suspension

2534. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1755 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th June, 1998 and state the names of the officers who are under suspension and charge against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM:) Furnishing of the details sought for in this Question may adversely affect the on-going trial/ investigations against the officers. Therefore, it is not possible to furnish the same.

Restrictions on Hospitality by Government Officials

2535. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any restrictions on Government officials inaccepting hospitality by way of stay in five star hotels for food and lodging from Export Promotion Councils and Commodity Boards under the Ministry of Commerce etc., and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) and (b) In accordance with the provisions of Conduct Rules, a Government servant shall not accept any gift without the sanction of the government if the value thereof exceeds: (i) Rs. 1000/- in the case of Government servant holding any Group 'A' or Group 'B' post, and (ii) Rs. 250/- in the case of Government servant hodling any Group 'C' or Group 'D' post. The expression 'gift' includes free transport, boarding, lodging or other service or any other pecuniary advantage when provided by any person other than a near relative or personal friend having no official dealings with the Government servant.

Restriction on Gifts to be accepted by Government Officials

2536. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any value restriction on the gift or Mementos including silver articles which can be accepted by Government officials from Public Sector Undertakings, Port Trusts, Airport Authority, Export Promotion Councils, etc;

(b) if so, the details of the amount and value restrictions; and

(c) whether the officers have to inform their officers about having received such Mementos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) and (b) In accordance with the provisions of the CCS (Conduct Rules) relating to gifts, a Government servant shall not accept any gift without the sanction of the Government if the value tehreof exceeds; (i) Rs. ' 1000/- in the case of a Government servant holding any Group 'A' or Group 'B' post; and (ii) Rs. 250/- in the case of a Government servant holding any Group 'C or Group 'D' post.

(c) Since Mementos are also in the nature of gifts, previous sanction of the Government would be necessary for acceptance if the value thereof exceeds the prescribed limits. The rules do not

require intimation for acceptance of gifts if the value thereof does not exceed the prescribed limits.

Cases of Scandals Referred to CBI

2537. SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of scandals which surfaced during the last three years;

(b) the particulars of the cases which were referred to CBI for investigations;

(c) the progress made by the CBI each in case, so far;

(d) whether Government have fixed a time frame for completion of these enquiries; and

(e) the reasons for delay or hurdles coming in the enquiries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the CBI, a total of 187 cases, concerning 11 (eleven) major scandals, were registered by it during the years 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 (upto 31.5.98) for investigation. Details of these cases alongwith their present status is at statement, (see below).

(d) It is not possible to indicate any fixed time frame for disposal of the pending cases. All possible efforts are, however, being made by the CBI to complete the investivation of the cases expeditously. Thereafter, the cases would be dealt with as per the laws of the country.

(e) Owing to extensive field investigations, during which a large number of documents are to be collected and scrutinised and the geographical spread of investigation etc., sometimes delay is inevitable.

SI, No	Name of Scandal	No. of cases regis-tered	Disposal of investigation			Pending investigation.
			cases charge sheeted	Referred for RDA	Closure Otherwise disposed of through such action as deemed fit.	
1.	Ayurvedic Scam	1	1	—	—	—
2.	AHD Scam	52	22	—	1	29
3.	Bitumen Scam	53	—	—	3	50
4.	Cremation Shed Scam	19	1	—	—	18
5.	C.R.B. Scam	1	1	—	—	—
6.	Housing Scam	20	6	6	—	8
7.	Indian Bank Scam	18	—	—	—	18
8.	JMM Bribery Scam	5	5	—	—	—
9.	NFL Urea Scam	1	1	—	—	—
10.	Petrol Pump Allotment Scam	15	—	—	—	15
11.	Telecom Scam	2	2			
	TOTAL:	187	39	6	4	138